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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/657404
Filing Date	September 8, 2000
First Named Inventor	Weimin Sun
Group Art Unit	3762
Examiner Name	Frances P. Oropeza
Attorney Docket Number	279.279US1
Customer No.	21186
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled IMPROVED RATE-ADAPTIVE THERAPY WITH AUTOMATIC LIMITING OF MAXIMUM PACING RATE.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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1. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
2. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
2. ☐ An Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 (pages) is enclosed.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney (pages) is enclosed.
5. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed (2 pgs.).
 - a. 1 Form 1449
 - b. 3 Copies of IDS Citations
6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 is attached to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
7. ☒ **The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.**
8. ☐ A petition for extension of time in the prior application (pages) is enclosed along with a check in the amount of to pay the extension fee.
- ☒ A Communication Concerning Related Application (1 pg.).

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Examiner: Frances P. Oropeza

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application in the above-identified patent application:

<u>Serial/Patent No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Attorney Docket</u>	<u>Title</u>
10/087,222	March 1, 2002	279.287US1	THERAPY OPTIMIZATION IN HEART FAILURE PATIENTS BASED ON MINUTE VENTILATION PATTERNS

Respectfully submitted,

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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicants request that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicants with the next official communication.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), it is believed that no fee or statement is required with the Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in order to have this Information Disclosure Statement considered.

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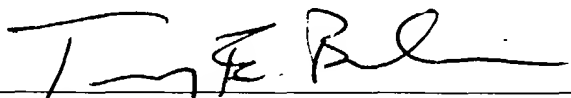
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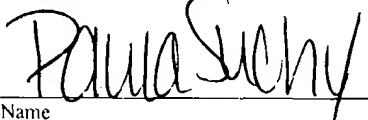
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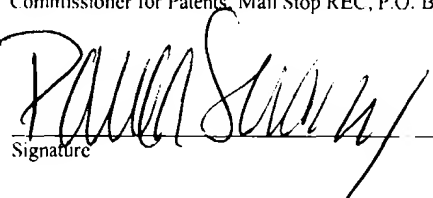
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US PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial *	USP Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	US-5,974,340	10/26/1999	Kadhiresan, V. A.	607	18	04/29/1997

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials *	Cite No ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
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